

Study Tours Application

Dear Study Tour Applicant,

Thank you for applying to join a Heifer Study Tour! Please complete this application packet and return it with the deposit to the Study Tours Office. Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified once you are accepted.

Upon acceptance, you need to begin planning your trip. Heifer Study Tours are land only tours, which means transportation fees to the first destination and transportation home from the last destination are not included. Many tours begin and end in the same city, but some tours will begin in one city/country and end in another city/country. You can find helpful transportation planning tips at www.heifer.org/studytours/traveltips.

While initial travel costs are not covered, Study Tour fees include all items listed in the tour's itinerary such as shared accommodations, meals, tour leaders and guides, workshops, project and cultural site visits, transportation between activities and emergency evacuation insurance. If you have a strong need for a single occupancy room, contact the Study Tours Office. Single occupancy rooms are limited and additional fees will apply. If you have a preferred roommate, please indicate on your application with whom you would like to share a room.

We recognize that travel is not without risk, and we take the safety of our participants very seriously. If deemed advisable, we reserve the right to cancel or interrupt a trip at any time. *Trip itineraries are subject to change*, even after a trip commences. To join a Study Tour, you must complete a waiver form prior to departure.

For any further information visit www.heifer.org/studytours or contact the Study Tours Office at studytours@heifer.org or 1-800-422-1311. Again, for your application to be considered, complete the attached forms and mail this packet with your deposit to: Heifer International, **Attn: Study Tours/Sara Drew**, 1 World Avenue; Little Rock, AR 72202.



Study Tour: Sierra Leone

Dates: February 10 - 18, 2012

Tour Leader: Heifer International Staff

Application and Deposit Deadline: November 10, 2011

Name (as it appears on Passport): _____ Date of Birth: _____
Passport Number: _____ Date of Expiration: _____
Address (street, city, state, zip): _____
Home Phone: _____ Work/Day Phone: _____
Email: _____
Preferred Roommate: _____
List any health or dietary restrictions here: _____

Cancellation Policy

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATION: Total trip price will be refunded for any cancellation before 60 days of departure.

HEIFER CHANGES/CANCELLATION: All trips are subject to change of itinerary and/or cancellation.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Once airline tickets are purchased and issued they are typically non-refundable and airline rules apply even in the event of a Heifer change or cancellation. While we make every attempt to follow the announced travel schedule, itineraries may change or be cancelled due to low enrollment, travel advisories or any other situation that may compromise the safety of participants. Heifer strongly recommends that participants purchase travel insurance. For a list of travel insurance options, review your Travel Information Packet or visit www.heifer.org/studytours/traveltips.

Trip Payment

TOTAL COST: \$2,500 per person (double occupancy and land only)

DEPOSIT: \$1,000 due with application.

FINAL PAYMENT: The remaining \$1,500 is due 60 days before departure. If the payment is not received, your space will be cancelled.

Check Payments

Make all checks payable to HEIFER INTERNATIONAL and place your trip number, **49-2100-12**, in the memo section. Deposit check enclosed for \$ _____

Credit Card Payments

Circle Credit Card Type: (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover) Amount to be Charged: _____

Name As It Appears On Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

This tour may be in remote areas reached by long rides over bumpy roads, moderate to strenuous walks and long periods of standing, so participants should be physically independent. A "Waiver and Release" form will be sent for you to sign before departure. Please initial here to verify that you have read the preceding statements: _____

I understand that by participating in a Heifer International Study Tour, I am responsible for sharing my experience with others upon my return. I pledge to become an advocate for Heifer's mission and to educate people about the root causes of hunger and poverty and how caring for the Earth can alleviate these problems. I also understand that by signing this application, I agree to complete a Heifer Study Tour "Impressions" form as well as any subsequent Study Tour evaluation documents.

Participant Signature/Date: _____



Pre-Tour Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions completely and honestly to allow us a better understanding of the depth of your affiliation with Heifer and your existing views on hunger and poverty. These answers will help us determine whether or not a Study Tour will be of great benefit to you.

Name (as it should appear on name tag):

Do you have a history of involvement with Heifer International? Yes / No
If yes, please share your involvement:

Are you affiliated with any other nonprofit organizations? Yes / No
If yes, please explain:

Have you traveled internationally before this trip? Yes / No
To other developing nations? Yes / No
If yes, please share where you went and the purpose of your trip:

Have you gone on a Heifer Study Tour before? Yes / No
If yes, where and how have you shared your experience?

Because of the demanding nature of a Study Tour, it is essential that participants are mentally and physically fit. Do you feel prepared to deal with stressful situations such as lack of sleep, physical exertion, sudden changes in itinerary and emotional responses to witnessing the conditions of extreme poverty? Yes / No
If you have concerns, please explain:

How will you share this Study Tour experience when you return home?

Do you have any additional thoughts, comments, or ideas you would like to share about your involvement in a Study Tour?

